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Title: LIQUID-CRYSTAL SWITCHING ELEMENT AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to calculating the national fee, and prior to examination in the National Phase of the above-identified International application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Amended) Liquid-crystal switching element according to Claim 1, characterized in that the twist angle of the liquid-crystal layer (ϕ) is in the range from -25° to $+25^\circ$.
 4. (Amended) Liquid-crystal switching element according to Claim 1, characterized in that the optical retardation of the liquid-crystal layer is or can be switched from its initial value to essentially 0 nm.
 5. (Amended) Liquid-crystal switching element according to Claim 1, characterized in that it is a transmissive or transfective liquid-crystal switching element.